

***Digest of SME Statistics - Turkmenistan
Information Available as of First Quarter 2004***

In the Turkmenistan, 2002 was a year of decline for small business. The official statistics indicate reductions in the number of small businesses, both registered and operating, and in their output. Additionally, very limited statistics for the sector indicated a 17% reduction of employment by small businesses.

Officially registered Small Enterprises in 2002 decreased slightly from 12,741 to 12,677, but the decline of the operating small business numbers was more significant dropping from 3,732 to just 3,230. That 13% drop was largely the result of declines in Construction (23%), Trade and Public Catering (22%), and Other Industries (13%) rendering industrial and non-industrial services. There was a slight (3%) increase in Agricultural and supporting small businesses. See Tables 1 and 2 for details.

Table 1

Number of Registered Non-State Small Enterprises With Breakdown by Industries		
Number of Enterprises	1/1/2002	1/1/2003
Total	12741	12677
manufacturing	1786	1785
agriculture	3324	3302
construction	1589	1517
trade and public catering	4841	4709
healthcare and tourism	150	162
other	1051	1202

Table 2

Number of Actively Working (Operating) Non-State Small Enterprises With Breakdown by Industries			
Industries	2001	2002	2002 as a % of 2001
Total	3732	3230	-13%
manufacturing	516	507	-2%
agriculture	665	687	3%
construction	357	274	-23%
trade and public catering	1699	1327	-22%
healthcare and tourism	56	53	-5%
other	439	382	-13%

In 2002, Turkmenistan had 50,306 registered entrepreneurs and 51,872 employees. Those statistics included a footnote that employment of the sector declined 17%; no further explanation of that statistic was provided.

Output for Turkmenistan's Actively Working (Operating) Non-State Small Enterprises declined in 2002. As indicated in Table 3 gross revenues declined to 95% of the prior year's total. This was due to losses in the Trade and Construction sectors offsetting modest gains in the Agriculture and Health & Tourism sectors. As well, Table 4 shows that increased outputs in the Consumer Products domain were overshadowed by decreased output in the Industrial sector.

Table 3

Operating (Working) Small Enterprises Gross Revenue					
Branch	2001		2002		2002 as % of 2001
	Million Manats	%	Million Manats	%	
Industry	114477	28	119829	31	105
Agriculture	34250	9	38132	10	111
Construction	72429	18	62188	16	86
Trade	100566	25	77340	20	77
Health and tourism	31259	8	36738	10	118
Others	50079	12	50290	13	100
Total	403060	100	384517	100	95

Table 4

Operating (Working) Small Enterprises Output – Million Manats			
Products	2001	2002	2002 as % of 2001
Capitalized products (for industry)	32883	20460	62
Production of consumer goods	57382	66121	115
Foods	30719	37287	121
Non-food (includes light industry)	17978	21421	119
Wine, vodka and beer	8685	7413	85
TOTAL	90265	86581	96

The statistics in this digest were taken from the official document of the National Institute of Statistics of Turkmenistan entitled, “Non-State Sector of Economy of Turkmenistan in 2002” from the Department of Statistics and Analysis of Non-state Sector. The definition of “Small Enterprise” for all of these statistics was no more than 50 employees for industry and construction sectors, and no more than 50 employees for trade and agriculture sectors.